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MILITARY, CIVIL PERSONNEL TO ENGAGE
ACTIVELY IN PRODUCTION PROGRAMS

NORTH SHENSI REPORTS 1949 PRODUCTION, 1950 PLANS -- Wen-hui Pao, 16 Jan 50

Hsi-an, 15 January (NCNA) -- Production results in the North Shensi Administrative District for 1949 were revealed in a production and reconstruction conference held 5 - 15 December 1949 at Yen-an. It was reported that progress was very successful as a result of the combined efforts of the party, government, military, and civilian population.

A total of 9,190,000 mou [one mou equals one-sixth acre] of land were reclaimed, increasing arable land by 6 percent over 1948; 127,000 mou were planted in cotton; cattle were increased by 40,000 head; sheep totaled 958,000 head, an increase of 30 percent over 1948; and the number of cooperatives increased to 210, an increase of 11 percent over 1948. In industry, the production plan for such public enterprises as those producing matches, soap, paper, and agricultural implements was exceeded by 16 percent.

The production plan for 1950 was also outlined at the conference. In agriculture, emphasis is to be laid on foodstuffs and industrial raw materials. New agricultural methods will be used on land now under cultivation, and an effort will be made to restore previous acreage by increase in reclamation.

Attempts will also be made to extend industry, using the 30 factories taken over in the liberation of Yü-lin as the basis. Animal husbandry and home industry in rural areas will also be the subjects of intensified activity.

It was emphasized at the conference that if the 1950 plan were to be completed satisfactorily, adequate winter preparations would have to be made. Prior to spring planting, old liberated areas are to complete the computation of production quotas and issue land titles. In the Huang-lung area, land reform must be brought to a close, and in the recovered areas of Ting-pien and Ching-pien, the property of landlords marked for confiscation will be distributed among the farmers. In the newly liberated area of Yü-lin, there must be continuous agitation of the masses, accompanied by elimination of bandits and KMT special agents, and application of rent-reduction policies.

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PLA MOBILIZED FOR PRODUCTION MOVEMENT -- Wen-hui Pao, 20 Jan 50

Pei-p'ing, 19 January (NCNA) -- Conferences are now being held by the various field forces and army groups of the People's Liberation Army to draft plans to mobilize their military personnel for a production movement, in accordance with the recent instruction issued by Mao Tse-tung. Plans already adopted by some of the units are as follows:

1. The East Suiyuan Army Group resolved to farm more than 23,000 acres of land so as to become self-sufficient. The troops under the command of the North China Military District are also to engage in farming as well as fishing activities.
2. The First Field Force, stationed in Kansu and Tsinghai, has issued orders for its troops to engage in animal husbandry and to assist the Kansu Water Conservancy Bureau in reclaiming some 60,000 acres of drought-stricken land.
3. Plans adopted by the Honan Military District require each soldier to produce about 100 pounds of wheat per year. The troops under the command of the Kiangsi Military District will be asked to produce from 200 to 400 pounds of rice per individual.

In addition, other military forces are planning to assist the government in mining, industry, etc.

CIVIL SERVANTS, MILITARY TO SUPPORT SELVES -- Wen-hui Pao, 19 Jan 50

Civil servants and the military have been ordered by the CCP party committee and local authorities in the Hsing-ning--Mei Hsien area in Kwangtung to assume a prominent part in production activities, in addition to their regular duties.

Production responsibilities will be assigned to civil servants according to their ability, strength, age, and health. The request of any person seeking release from such assignments must be approved by the authorities concerned, in a democratic manner.

To provide opportunities for such productive employment, all public lands are to be cultivated to the fullest extent. All types of productive activities related to agriculture are to be promoted assiduously. They include horticulture and truck gardening, poultry raising and animal husbandry, weaving, pisciculture, etc.

Twenty percent of the crop cultivated by civil-service organizations on public lands will be paid to the authorities as rental. Uncultivated public lands, opened under this program, will be recognized as belonging for this purpose to the organizations developing them, and no rental will be required. Private lands may be used in the program with the consent of the owner, said consent having been secured in a legal manner.

The main purposes of the campaign are to raise the living standards of civil servants by their own efforts and to reduce the expenses of government for their support.

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